Burger Asks For 62 New U.S. Judges

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Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said Thursday that although federal judges are disposing of cases a lot faster these days, 62 new judges still are needed to cut the backlog.

Burger cited a 30 per cent increase during the past five years in cases handled by each judge. During the 1972-73 term, U.S. District Courts and Courts of Appeal disposed of 148,074 cases, an average of 309.8 a judge, as against 100,432 or 239.1 a judge in 1968.

The Chief Justice credited harder work and modernized court techniques for the improvement.

He said that in the past five years the number of cases clearing the Supreme Court has risen from 3,151 to 3,748, a 10 per cent increase.

"Cases coming to the court are well over triple what they were a generation ago," he said in a statement issued by the court information office.